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89TH CONGRESS  
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# H. J. RES. 790

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 1966

Mr. COMELAN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence.

- 1 That (a) there is hereby established a joint congressional  
2 committee to be known as the Joint Committee on Foreign  
3 Information and Intelligence (referred to in this joint reso-  
4 lution as the "joint committee"), to be composed of seven  
5 Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the  
6 Senate, and seven Members of the House of Representatives  
7 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
8 In each instance not more than four Members shall be ap-  
9 pointed from the same political party.
- 10 (b) Vacancies in the membership of the joint commit-  
11 tee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to

1 execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be  
2 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original  
3 selection.

4 (c) The joint committee shall select a chairman and a  
5 vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of  
6 each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place and  
7 stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman. The  
8 chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and the  
9 House of Representatives with each Congress, and the chair-  
10 man shall be selected by the members of the joint committee  
11 from the House entitled to the chairmanship. The vice  
12 chairman shall be selected in the same manner as the chair-  
13 man, except that the vice chairman shall be selected by the  
14 members of the joint committee from the House not entitled  
15 to the chairmanship.

16 (d) The joint committee may appoint and fix the com-  
17 pensation of such experts, consultants, technicians, and cleri-  
18 cal and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and  
19 advisable.

20 (e) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the  
21 services, information, facilities, and personnel of the execu-  
22 tive departments and establishments of the United States.

23 (f) The joint committee is authorized to classify infor-  
24 mation originating within the joint committee in accordance  
25 with standards used generally by the executive branch of the

1 Federal Government for classifying restricted data or defense  
2 information.

3 (g) The joint committee shall keep a complete record  
4 of all committee actions, including a record of the votes on  
5 any question on which a record vote is demanded. All com-  
6 mittee records, data, charts, and files shall be the property of  
7 the joint committee and shall be kept in the offices of the  
8 joint committee, or such other places as the joint committee  
9 may direct, under such security safeguards as the joint com-  
10 mittee shall determine to be in the interest of national  
11 security.

12 (h) The joint committee may make such rules respect-  
13 ing its organization and procedures as it deems advisable, but  
14 no measure or recommendation shall be reported from the  
15 joint committee unless a majority of the members thereof  
16 assent.

17 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing  
18 studies of—

19 (1) the activities of each information and intel-  
20 ligence agency of the United States,

21 (2) the problems relating to the foreign informa-  
22 tion and intelligence program, and

23 (3) the problems relating to the gathering of in-  
24 formation and intelligence affecting the national se-  
25 curity, and its coordination and utilization by the var-

1       ious departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the  
2       United States.

3       (b) Each information and intelligence agency of the  
4       United States shall keep the joint committee fully and cur-  
5       rently informed with respect to its activities.

6       (c) As used in this joint resolution, the term "informa-  
7       tion and intelligence agency of the United States" means  
8       the Central Intelligence Agency, and any unit within any  
9       of the executive departments or agencies of the United  
10      States conducting foreign information or intelligence  
11      activities.

12      SEC. 3. All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the  
13      Senate and House of Representatives relating primarily to  
14      any information and intelligence agency of the United States  
15      or its activities shall be referred to the joint committee.  
16      The members of the joint committee who are Members of  
17      the Senate shall, from time to time, report to the Senate,  
18      and the members of the joint committee who are Members  
19      of the House of Representatives shall, from time to time,  
20      report to the House, by bill or otherwise, their recommenda-  
21      tions with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of their  
22      respective Houses which are—

23               (1) referred to the joint committee, or

24               (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint  
25      committee.

1       (b) In carrying out its duties under this joint resolu-  
2       tion, the joint committee, or any duly authorized subcom-  
3       mittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit  
4       and act at such times and places, to require, by subpoena or  
5       otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the produc-  
6       tion of such books, papers, and documents, to administer  
7       such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing  
8       and binding, and to make such expenditures, as it deems  
9       advisable. Subpenas may be issued over the signature of  
10      the chairman of the joint committee, or by any member  
11      designated by him, or by the joint committee, and may be  
12      served by any person designated by such chairman or  
13      member.

14      SEC. 4. The expenses of the joint committee shall be  
15      paid from the contingent fund of the House from funds  
16      appropriated for the joint committee upon vouchers ap-  
17      proved by the chairman.

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